LEWIS INSTITUTE
CHICAGO

Dec. 17, 1892

My dear President Judson:

May it not be possible to arrange that Mr. Tagore, the most eminent man of letters in all India, should give five lectures at the University in January or February, on "Religious Ideas"? He will be in Chicago during these months. I feel certain that his treatment of the subject would be eminently true, and he is a fine speaker. His father was the founder of the Brahmo Somaj, which has always been free from nonsense. Chicago has not heard a Thoreau, scurrilous and level-headed Hindu since 1893, when Montgomery was here.

He is now at Urbana, with his son, a student here. He has rather shunned the great cities and their literature. He is in America because he has recently lost his children and then his wife, and in his sorrow he has come here to be with his son. But he is coming to Chicago soon after Christmas.

Inclosure a note from him to me, in response to a querying as to how Dwight was here. The students to whom he refers are engineering students mostly. It seems that they printed an article about me in the Calendar "Modern Review." Inclosure from the same review an account of the recent festival in honor of Tagore. Also a clipping from the London Times, well worth reading, and another from "Pall Mall." Kindly return the note and the clippings.

Yours truly,

E.H. Lewis

President Henry Pratt Judson
لا يوجد نص يمكن قراءته بشكل طبيعي من الصورة المقدمة.
Jan. 15, 1913

My dear Dr. Robertson:

In reply to your note, I earnestly beg the president to write directly to Mr. Tagore at the enclosed address and invite him. Mr. Tagore is not seeking lecture engagements, and will not come at all to Chicago unless invited. It was I who wrote to him first. I felt it a disgrace that a man who commands an audience of 20,000 people any time he chooses to speak in Calcutta, should be within so short a distance of Chicago and not be invited by the most dignified intellectual interests of our Babylon to appear here.

As to an honorarium, I don't suppose he will accept one. But it showed he offered. Surely rather pay $10 myself than see him offered less.

It is now a month since I made application to the President, and I earnestly hope that Mr. Tagore will not decline to come because of the delay. He is a great spirited man, England has him to thank that Bengali disappearance did not burst into flame four years ago.

Yours truly,

E.M. Lewis

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Chicago, January 13, 1913.

Doctor E.H. Lewis,
Lewis Institute,
Chicago.

Dear Doctor Lewis,

President Judson has asked me to say that he will arrange for one lecture by Tagore but the subject I think we shall be obliged to have you suggest since you know him and his capabilities as a lecturer. Personally I am more interested in what he might way of his own poetry and modern Bengali literature than I should be in a lecture on the religions of India. Will you, in communicating with him, learn what he would like to offer as his subject so that we may make the proper announcements.

Sincerely yours

Secretary to the President.

DAR.C.
Memorandum to Mr James A. Field.

The guest room from Sunday night to Saturday, the 25th, has been reserved for Tagore, the Bengali poet, who has been invited to lecture at the University next Thursday and who may accept the invitation to stay at Hitchcock. If he comes I should like to have him put up for the week at the Quadrangle Club as the University preachers are put up. He may have his son with him; in that case both ought to be permitted to use the building. I have asked him to be the guest Tuesday night at 10 o'clock and, if he so desires, to read some of his own poems.

Tagore is the Bengali poet who was so enthusiastically acclaimed recently in London where he was especially entertained at a huge dinner presided over by William Butler Yeats. To Tagore the British Government owes more than to any man the present control of the Bengal situation. That hot-bed of Indian disturbances seems to be utterly under Tagore's control and when he speaks in Bengal or Calcutta he often gets an audience of 22,000 people. His son has been studying in the University of Illinois and he himself is about to go East to see something more of the United States than he has yet seen. On his way he will probably lecture for the University and pay the visit which I have outlined. He is, by the way, the subject of an interesting article in a recent number of "Poetry."

DAR.C.